To: All Idaho FSA Personnel

From: Ronald W. Purcell, State Director

Subject: A Guide Listing Voluntary and State Agencies in the Related Health Field

In our effort to assist the FSA families in planning to form and develop good health practices, some of us have been prone to pass by health problems as being insignificant, as too difficult, or as being outside our field of activities.

This guide is intended to:

- (1) Indicate action through existing agencies to obtain services at little or no cost to the family.
- (2) List these health agencies and explain the specific services available through them to help you in your planning with the families.
- (3) Permit you to become well informed in all phases of the health service program, and recognized as a leader in your area in the overall health service field.

It is gratifying to note that many of you have already acquainted yourself with the offices and personnel of the local public health and welfare agencies, also that you are utilizing these health resources for the families.

I hope that all of you will make good use of this guide and that it will result in greater service by FSA to rural families and communities. In making practical use of this guide you will want to add from time to time any other available health services.

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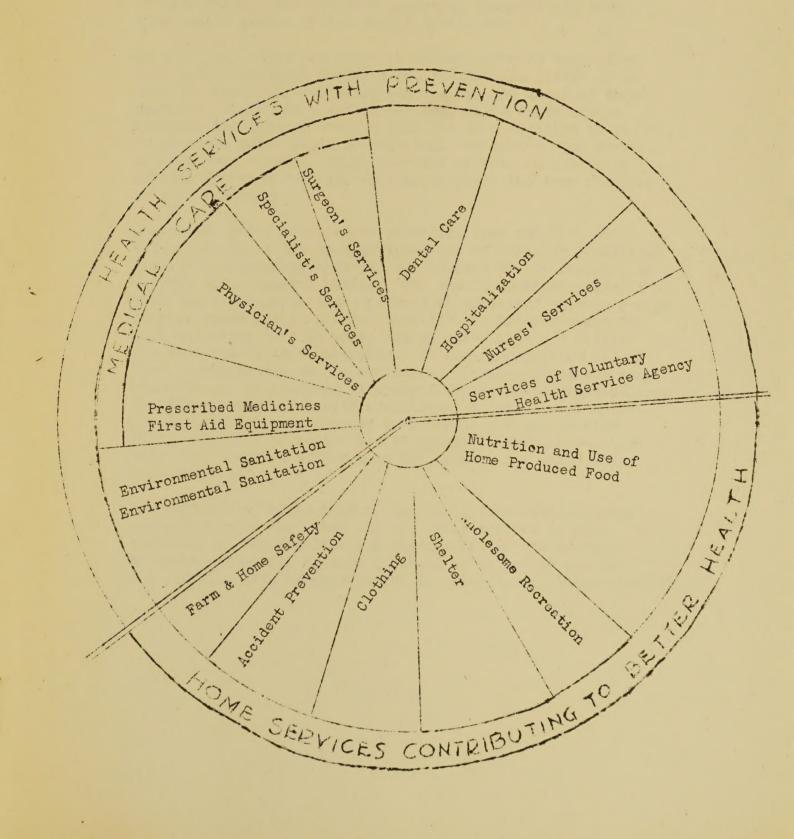
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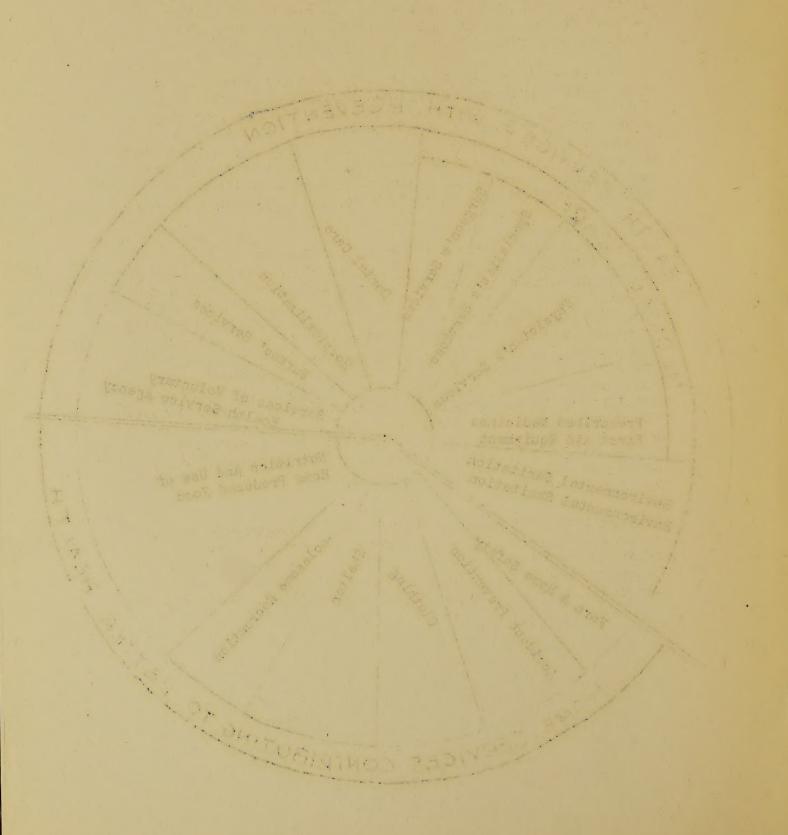
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION HEALTH PROGRAM

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Mr. Hudgens, Associate Administrator, stated "It is the responsibility of every FSA field employee to be the best informed agricultural leader in his county in the health service field. Utilize this knowledge in assisting farm families to secure better health services".

We have many state and other voluntary agencies that offer many health services to Idaho FSA families at little or no cost to them. The following pages gives the names of these agencies, their state representative, state headquarters address, the type of service they are in a position to render, to whom the case should be referred, the cost of the service and the area served. These agencies operate on public or private donations and are willing to serve the farm families in your community.

One of the chief barriers to providing farm families with better health is the lack of knowledge of existing facilities within the community that can be utilized by the families to improve their general health. You should acquaint yourself with the services that are offered by civic and private groups in your communities in order to stimulate the borrowers to take an active part in these health activities and utilize the services of these agencies. In some communities all of these services may not be available. In those instances many benefits can be received directly from the state organization. The distribution of health educational material will assist you materially in developing an interest and recognition by the families of better health practices and consequently will have a marked effect upon the communities which they are a part of.

Our contacts with the head of the state organizations have indicated to us that they are extremely anxious to make available to FSA families the services which are provided by their respective agencies. It is up to you to see that our families have an opportunity to properly use these services.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Mr. L. J. Peterson, Administrative Director
State House, Boise, Idaho

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

The State Board of Health provides services in the field of preventive medicine locally to several counties in Idaho by health units. The staff of each unit consits of a physician who acts as director. public health nurses, bacteriologist, sanitarians and clerks. Full time health units operate in 12 counties through 3 district and 2 county units. The district units are located at Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Twin Falls, the city-county unit at Boise and the Bannock county unit at Pocatello. Jefferson, Madison, Idaho, Boundary, Bonners, Payette, Canyon, Bonneville and Shoshone have full time public health nursing services. In general the services of the health units may be divided into medical, nursing and sanitation. The medical and nursing services are closely related, therefore, are listed together in the order of decreasing urgency for immediate attention. The remaining counties in the State of Idaho have a part time nurse and county doctor who is usually a local practitioner. The part time health nurse devotes a major portion of her time to the schools. The responsibilities of the State Department of Health may best be considered under the more basic divivisions:

DIVISION OF PREVENTIVE MEDICAL SERVICES

- 1. Communicable Disease Control
- 2. Venereal Disease Control
- 3. Tuberculosis Control
- 4. Maternal and Child Health
- 5. Preschool and School Health

Services: Communicable Disease Controlled Section:

- 1. Consultation service to local physicians by health unit director.
- 2. Field visits to cases by director for diagnosis.
- 3. Field visits by nurses to patients, contacts, and suspects to teach care of patient and control of disease.

- 4. Immunization and tests by health unit director of local physicians cooperating with health unit personnel.
 - 5. Free immunization material is distributed through health unit to private physicians.

Services: Venereal Disease Controlled Section:

- 1. Diagnostic and consultation services by the health unit director.
- 2. Free distribution of arsenicals and bismuth preparations for the treatment of syphilis.
- 3. Free treatment to cases referred by local practicing physicians.
 - 4. Public health education by physician and nurses for venereal disease control.
 - 5. Health supervision of cases.
 - 6. Laboratory examinations.

The rapid treatment center located at Boise provides treatment for infected cases and are reported to this center by local physicians or public health officers.

Services: <u>Tuberculosis Controlled Section</u>:

- 1. Consultation service by health director.
- 2. Tuberculin tests to special groups by the health director or local physicians cooperation with health unit personnel.
- 3. Public health nursing supervision and care to cases, contacts, and suspects.

Services: Maternal and Child Health Controlled Section:

- 1. Well-child conferences which provide health supervision and education in regard to diet, habit formation, physical examination, immunizations. Conducted by health unit director or private physician.
 - 2. Public health nursing care through home visitation and classes on child care.

Services: Preschool and School Health:

1. Physical examinations by the health unit director.

- 2. Immunizations and tests for all children given periodically by health director.
- 3. Health director acts as consultant regarding child and his school environment.
- 4. Health inspections and follow-up for correction of defects by public health nurse.
- 5. Public health nurse aids in the instruction of certain classes and acts as an advisor to teachers regarding teaching of sound health facts.
- 6. Public health nursing service through home visitation.
- 7. Dental inspections and follow-up for correction of defects by public health nurses.

Referrals: For the above services in those areas where the full time local health unit operates referrals should be made to the Public Health office. In the counties where the public health nursing service referrals should be made to the full time public health nurse.

Areas where part time health nurses or county physicians request for services should be made through the county physician or if services are not obtainable as outlined a request should be made directly to the Director of the State Health Department.

Available serums and treatment for venereal disease are provided at no cost. All clinics at the public health unit are provided free. A small charge is made when preventive services are rendered by the private physician. Educational material, films, etc. are provided free.

DIVISION OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH--CRIPPLED CHILDREN Ruth J. Raattama, M. D., Director

In addition to the services mentioned under the material for infant health program, this division has provided maternal and infant medical and hospital services for the dependents of men in military service.

Services: Nutrition:

Cost:

A nutrition consultant assists departmental public health personnel by making home visits with nurses to prenatal patients, postnatal patients, mothers with infants, crippled children and patients on therapeutic

diets, supervises the school lunch program and provides general educational literature on nutrition.

Services: Crippled Children:

Under this program any person 21 years of age or less is eligible for examination at any public health clinic. If the examination reveals treatment or hospitalization is necessary a social investigation is required before these services may be provided free. This division cooperates with the Idaho Society for Crippled Children in providing care and treatment for crippled children. The crippled children's services include:

- 1. Case finding and registration.
- 2. Diagnostic clinics.
- 3. Nursing care and supervision in the home by public health nurses for case finding and after care.
- 4. Foster home care; medical social work.
- 5. Rehabilitation through cooperation with the Department of Education.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Fifteen counties had a generalized public health nursing service under the State Department of Health. Twelve of these public health nurses were part of an organized health unit and three as an unorganized service. Nine other counties have full time school or county nurses employed by the school boards or county commissioners. Forty-two public health nurses in 1944 were employed under the State Department of Public Health and twenty-nine by other agencies. The public health nurse provides information and assistance on maternity, infant, preschool care, care of the sick, crippled children and control of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis and venereal disease.

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING H. C. Claire, Director

This division is primarily concerned with the following general services as it relates to sanitation:

- 1. Supervision of municipal water supplies
- 2. Supervision of installations of domestic sewage disposal plants.
- 3. Supervision of milk sanitation
- 4. Special studies showing need for improvement of private water supplies and sewage disposal systems
- 5. General supervision of sanitation of food and drug administration
- 6. Inspection of bakeries, barber and beauty shops, beer parlors, cafes, hotels, drugs, slaughter houses, meat markets, etc.
- Additional divisions include Laboratory Division, Statistical Division and Public Health Education.

Referrals: Any specific services as outlined previously which you do not have available on a local basis can be obtained by writing directly to the State Health Department.

Local Representative: Address: Telephone Number:

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STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEATLH Public Health Engineering

Sanitarians employed in the Division of Public Health Engineering, their addresses, and areas covered by each sanitarian.

- R. C. Tyson, P. O. Box 215, St. Maries, Idaho Phone 187-J Boundary, Bonner, Benewah, Shoshone, Idaho, Lewis Counties
- Donald J. Boughton, Kootenai County Health Unit, Coeur d'Alene 807 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene Phone 1078-W Kootenai County
- Fran J. Tatum, North Central District Health Unit, Lewiston Clearwater, Latah and Nez Perce Counties
- Charles J. Hammond, Colonial Apartment 7, Nampa Phone 1640-J Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington Counties
- Cornelius Meagher, Boise City-Elmora County Health Unit, Boise 2317 North Twenty-first Street, Boise Phone 5579-W Boise City, and Elmore County
- Charles E. Cotton, Department of Public Health, 422 Statehouse, Boise Milk Sanitarian State wide
- H. S. Post, South Central District Health Unit, Twin Falls
 230 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls Phone 1343-J
 Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka Counties
- H. Fred Baldridge, South Central District Health Unit, Twin Falls
 720 Locust, Twin Falls Phone 1401-R
 Twin Falls and Cassia Counties
- C. P. Maughan, 240 South 2nd East, Preston Phone 151-M Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin and Oneida Counties
- C. H. Watson, Bannock County Health Unit, Pocatello
 528 South Tenth Avenue, Pocatello Phone 1969-R
 Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson,
 Lemhi, Madison, Power and Teton Counties
- Rulon S. Tueller, Bannock County Health Unit, Pocatello 428 North Eighth Street, Pocatello Phone 2687-J City of Pocatello and Bannock County

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NURSES EMPLOYED BY IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH March, 1946

CITY-COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

Boise City

Viola Vreeland, Supervising Nurse

Harriet Russell

Laura Larson (Mrs.)

Velma Rhodes (Mrs.)

Martha McMenemy (Mrs.)
Grace Burdock, Cadet Nurse

Elmoré County

Norma Stanton

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Nez Perce

Lois Jean Ruyle, Supervising Nurse

Irene Woods (Mrs.)

Eleanor Roberts

Agnes Hendrickson

Helen Welch, Cadet Nurse

Clearwater

Latah

Virginia Otness (Mrs.)

BANNOCK COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

Rona Whelan, (Mrs.) Supv. Nurse

Eileen Olsen (Mrs.)

Pearl Kirkpatrick (Mrs.)

Cecile Hendricks (Mrs.)

Louise Rice (Mrs.)

Minnie McGhee

Elaine Baker (Mrs.)

KOOTENAI COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

Electa Gartin, Supervising Nurse

Amy Cawley

Opal J. Reilly (Mrs.)

June Heath (Mrs.)

Marion Heileson, Cadet Nurst

JEFFERSON COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

Lilla West

MADISON COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

Margaret Barnes

IDAHO COUNTY NURSING SERVICE

Eleanor L. Ferguson

STAFF IN STATE OFFICE

Kathleen A. Norris, R. N. Nursing Consultant in Tbc.

Gertrude M. Lee, R. N.

Generalized Advisory Nurse

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT

Twin Falls

Dorothy Collard, Supervising Nurse

Esther Choules (Mrs.)

Norma Logan (Mrs.)

Venita Beglan (Mrs.)

Alice Siron (Mrs.)

June Seaton, Cadet Nurse

Elizabeth Smith (Mrs.)

Lincoln

Harriet Brownlee (Mrs.)

Jerome

Ruth Moger

Gooding

Frances Sweeney

Cassia

LaPreal Arave (Mrs.)

Camas

RAPID TREATMENT CENTER

Elaine Chapin (Mrs.), Supv. Nurse

Mary Sheehan

Etta Richardson (Mrs.)

Margaret Reeves (Mrs.)

NURSES IN SCHOOL

Roma Summers (Mrs.), University of Michigan

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE Joel Jennifer Harold Smith
Commissioner of State Director of
Public Assistance Social Work Box 1189, Boise, Idaho

Services: There is a Department of Public Welfare in every county in the state. The Department of Public Welfare or Social Security is organized into two operating bureaus - The Bureau of Social Service and the Bureau of Child Welfare.

- 1. Division of Public Assistance. The purpose of this Division is to provide support for relief of needy persons who do not have resources sufficient to provide themselves and dependents with food, clothing, shelter and such other items as are necessary to afford a reasonable subsistence. Financial assistance and services are provided on an individual basis.
- 2. Old Age Assistance. To receive old age assistance persons must be 65 years of age; must not be receiving aid to the blind, nor be an inmate of a public institution. A person must not have made an assignment or transfer of property in order to render himself eligible. He must be a resident of the state five out of the last nine years and a legal resident one year immediately preceding application. Need is evaluated by the Department in each case: Recipients of this aid are entitled to medical care, drugs and a monthly allotment depending upon need. The average grant per recipient for 1944 was \$30.70.
 - 3. Aid to the Blind. The Public Assistance Law provides that each recipient be examined by a designated physician concerning the possible restoration of sight of persons receiving aid. Other eligibility requirements are that a person must have lived in the state five out of the last nine years, the last year continuously. The recipient may receive vocational and instruction training in Braille, basketry, leather work, etc. He also may receive direct financial assistance, the average for 1944 being \$32.76.

- Aid to Dependent Children. Provides for needy children under the age of 16 and between the ages of 16 and 18 if regularly attending school. Other eligibility requirements are that they must be deprived of parental support caused by death or mental incapacity of parents. They must be living with one or more direct relatives and a resident of the state at least one year. Financial assistance required to pay 100% of need to persons in this category, has maximum grant of \$18.00 for first child and \$12.00 for each additional child.
- General Assistance Program. Handicapped persons between the ages of 16 and 65 and families without employable members. Under the county indigent laws of the Idaho Code, Governments have the responsibility for the administration of the county indigent program. The general assistance is defined to include direct assistance in cash or in kind and supplementary assistance (medical services, medicine, hospitalization, transportation, costs of social and vocational adjustment and burial aid). The county governments are permitted to levy 3 mills tax for general assistance. The extent of direct financial assistance depends largely upon the funds made available as a result of this tax.

Local Representative:
Address:
Telephone Number:

CHILD WELFARE SERVICES Janet Smith, Supervisor Box 1189, Boise, Idaho

In Idaho Child Welfare Services is a bureau in the Department of Public Assistance and is the social state-wide public program of social services for children. The services rendered by this Division are case work services for eligible children of needy families. The case worker after careful study determines the nature of the problem and the most effective way of finding a solution.

Boarding Home Program. Under this program substitute family care is provided for children who must be removed from their own homes. Boarding homes are carefully selected. Careful selection is made of the child for whom this plan is made since whenever possible the child's problem is worked out in his own home. The state law requires that any home giving regular care to one or more children by the hour, day or week, etc. must obtain a state license to insure satisfactory conditions. No license fee is charged.

Other Services. The bureau provides a consulting psychologist on a part time basis providing psychometric testing. These programs are particularly carried out at the children's institution, the State School and Colony at Nampa, and the War Relocation Center at Hunt. The Bureau of Child Welfare Services maintains a library of books pertaining to social work and current magazines in the field, also special problems concerning juvenile delinquency.

Referrals: All cases should be referred to the County Welfare Service.

Cost: None, if recipient is eligible for service.

Area: State wide.

Local Representative:
Address:
Telephone Number:

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IDAHO SOCIETY FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN Mrs. Dick Wells, President Pocatello, Idaho

Services:

This society provides services not under the jurisdiction of the State Health Department. namely, teachers and tutors to crippled children confined either to their homes or in hospitals. Funds for this service are obtained entirely from the sale of Easter Seals.

Referrals: All cases should be referred for this type of service to the president of the association.

> Eligibility is similar to that assistance provided by the Crippled Children's Bureau of the State Health Department.

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR IDAHO
Milo T. Means, Director
308 State House
Boise, Idaho

Vocational Rehabilitation is set up for the purpose of providing special individual services in vocational counseling, training, and specialized employment advice for people who have serious physical disabilities. This service is made possible through a cooperative arrangement between the Federal Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Federal Security Agency and the State Board for Vocational Education.

Federal funds are available to the states and are matched by state appropriations. They may be used to provide services on an individual basis to the disabled if these services will lead to overcoming a physical handicap which seems to make it difficult for the individual to secure employment. The Vocational Rehabilitation Service does not conduct any schools or classes but does furnish funds to secure training and other services through regularly established agencies. Either public or private schools or classes may be used, and tuition and training supplies may be paid for by the Rehabilitation Service. All disabled residents of the State of employable age (16 years of age or over) are eligible for assistance. Disabled veterans may be referred if services are not available to them through other existing agencies.

Services:

The following specialized services may be provided by the State if it seems after interviewing the case, that they will tend to improve the employability of the individual, reduce his handicap, or otherwise make his economic future more secure:

- 1. Vocational guidance and counseling in relation to employment possibilities.
- 2. Medical and psychological diagnosis to assist in determining plan of rehabilitation.
- 3. Vocational training either in public or private schools, or in supervised employment.
- 4. Training supplies or equipment for starting a small business.
- 5. Maintenance and transportation for training or diagnostic purposes.
- 6. Artificial appliances.

- 7. Medical and surgical treatment for static disabilities, on basis of financial need, to reduce or remove disability.
- 8. Placement on suitable job after preparation.
- 9. Follow-up and supervision on new job to assure success of rehabilitation.

All individuals must be investigated by a representative of the Rehabilitation Service and an employment objective worked out in conference with the individual before granting any financial or education assistance. Field agents for the Rehabilitation Service cover all parts of the State periodically and endeavor to call at the offices of the public agencies, such as the Farm Security, United States Employment Service, and the State Department of Public Health and Public Assistance, for the purpose of cooperating with these agencies in dealing with individuals who have serious physical disabilities which might handicap them in competing with normal persons in employment.

Referrals: Farm Security Administration field personnel will refer to local representatives of the State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies all persons who come to their attention whether or not eligible for services from the Farm Security Administration, who have either mental or physical disabilities or impairments, and will perform such additional services as are within their authorities to assist eligible disabled persons to obtain the full benefits available under the Federal-State Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

The State Vocational Rehabilitation staff personnel should consider referral of disabled clients, who plan to enter self-employed agricultural pursuits, to Farm Security Administration field personnel for their determination of eligibility for loans and other services of the Farm Security Administration.

Upon referral of cases from either agency it is recommended that local personnel confer with one another with respect to eligibility for services, suitability of farming as a vocational objective, problems and factors relating to the successful achievement of the vocational objective and providing for the integration and coordination of services through the development of a joint plan of services and responsibilities.

Cost: None.

Field Agents: Chas. C. Dickerson, Field Agent, Southwestern Idaho Geo. W. Anderson, Field Agent, Northern Idaho IDAHO STATE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION Francis M. Goodwin, Executive Secretary Box 1868, Boise, Idaho

Service:

There is a tuberculosis association in each county in the state which has its own board of directors. The county units carry on their own respective programs. The association conducts health programs in the schools and of a general nature for the public. The associations conduct tuberculosis testing in the schools and follow up for positive reacters. Arrangements should be made through these associations for obtaining the state mobile x-ray unit. This x-raying is done in groups usually requiring a hundred persons for each group. Hospitalization of those having tuberculosis is arranged by the association with state and local sanitoria. The associations also assist in maintaining a rehabilitation service to enable those who have recovered from tuberculosis to secure training for suitable vocations. Local associations are available for conferences on all community health problems. They will provide speakers and appropriate films for any group meetings. They can provide you with a list of hospitals and county sanitoria.

Referrals: Contact local association leaders first. For any educational information write Executive Secretary.

Cost: None.

Area: State wide.

Local Representative:
Address:
Telephone Number:

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Mrs. Grant Hess, State Commander
712 N. 5th Street
Boise, Idaho

Services: There is a county cancer organization in most of the counties in Idaho. The purpose of these chapters is to conduct an annual campaign of lay education of cancer control with special emphasis given to symptoms, diagnostic treatment and prevention of cancer. They will furnish pamphlets to you upon request. They supply films and speakers for meetings in the interest of cancer education and assist in obtaining the State Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare. In many localities assistance is given to needy cancer patients and provide transportation funds to clinics (health) on cancer. Local funds determine the amount of services than can be rendered.

Referrals: The family physician should refer cases to local cancer organization.

Treatment: The Cancer Society does not pay for hospitalization or medical service however, they arrange for treatment of indigent patients through the Department of Public Welfare.

Cost: None as the services rendered are primarily educational.

Area: State wide as information is not available locally.
Write to State Executive Secretary.

Local Representative:
Address:
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NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS
Mrs. John E. Hays, Executive Secretary
Box 72, Twin Falls, Idaho

Services:

There is a chapter in every county in the state operating a polio program. The county chapter renders aid to needy Infantile Paralysis sufferers, irrespective of age, race or creed. They pay all or any part of hospital costs, salaries of special and general nurses and physical therapy, pay professional workers for the care of the patient, provide treatment and fee for medical care including diagnosis and consultations, medical and surgical treatment, laboratory services, supply educational literature other materials for local groups, provide scholarships for training for physical therapy encouraging young men and women to enter this field. Render aid in time of epidemic.

Referrals: Should there be any person recently stricken with polio or a person stricken in former years, such individual, if in need of assistance, should contact the local county chairman.

Area: State wide. Services rendered through local chapter.

Local Representative:
Address:
Telephone Number:

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Service:

Provides disaster relief and emergency financial assistance to servicemen, disabled ex-servicemen and their dependents, able-bodied ex-servicemen during the period of adjustment to civilian life pending receipt of government benefits. Assists with applications for dependency allowances and offers claims service, including assistance with death benefits; secures information for emergency furloughs and discharges; provides liaison communication between servicemen and their families. Offers training in nutrition, home nursing, first aid, water safety, and home and farm accident prevention under specially qualified instructors.

Write:

Chapter Chairman or Executive Secretary of local

chapter.

Referral:

Particular problems should be clearly stated.

Cost:

None.

Area:

Each county has its own Red Cross Chapter. In a few counties there are more chapters. Some chapters also have branches.

Local Representative:
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